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### Field Crops

Cotton harvesting is 78 percent complete, ahead of last year at 69 percent, and ahead of the five-year average of 75 percent. Alfalfa conditions range from poor to good. Sheeping off is active in western and central alfalfa acres in the State. Range and pasture conditions vary from mostly very poor, depending on location and elevation.

### Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

Central Arizona growers shipped cabbage, cantaloupes, greens, honeydews, spinach, and lemons.

Western Arizona growers shipped arugula, broccoli, cauliflower, cilantro, Chinese cabbage, endive, escarole, frisee, kale, Boston, iceberg, and romaine lettuce, and green leaf, red leaf lettuce, bok choy, parsley, spinach, cantaloupes, honeydews, and miscellaneous melons this week.

#### **Crop Condition**

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>- Percent -</i>				
Alfalfa	-	26	47	21	6
Range and Pasture	64	25	7	3	1

#### **Crop Progress**

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 – Year Avg.
	<i>- Percent -</i>			
Cotton				
• Harvesting	78	75	69	75

### Weather Summary

Temperatures were mostly above normal across the State for the week ending November 29, ranging from 4 degrees below normal at Canyon De Chelly and St. Johns to 7 degrees above normal at Phoenix. The highest temperature of the week was 82 degrees at Coolidge and the lowest reading of 7 degrees occurred at Canyon De Chelly. Precipitation was reported at

seven of the 22 stations. Phoenix and Winslow received 0.01 inches and Flagstaff received 0.21 inches of precipitation. There are no reporting stations that have above normal precipitation. Twenty of the 22 stations show less than 60 percent of normal precipitation.

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Temperature and Precipitation Data								
November 23, 2009 - November 30, 2009								
Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	54	2	77	33	0.00	3.70	-4.72	44
Buckeye	58	2	81	35	0.00	2.30	-4.33	35
Canyon De Chelly	34	-4	59	7	0.09	4.34	-4.53	49
Coolidge	57	4	82	28	0.00	3.17	-3.30	49
Douglas	54	5	73	29	0.00	5.30	-7.06	43
Flagstaff	36	3	54	18	0.21	8.77	-11.56	43
Grand Canyon	35	4	58	10	0.05	8.03	-10.20	44
Kingman	48	0	71	29	0.00	4.26	-4.55	48
Marana	59	5	81	37	0.06	4.71	-4.49	51
Maricopa	57	4	81	35	0.00	3.44	-2.67	56
Paloma	56	1	80	34	0.00	1.58	-3.59	31
Parker	54	-2	81	29	0.00	1.03	-2.16	32
Payson	44	2	68	24	0.00	9.26	-10.49	47
Phoenix	65	7	81	47	0.01	2.81	-3.82	42
Prescott	44	4	66	21	0.00	6.05	-11.89	34
Roll	56	0	81	33	0.00	0.82	-1.89	30
Safford	53	5	71	29	0.00	3.73	-4.97	43
St. Johns	36	-4	63	8	0.00	3.44	-7.16	32
Tucson	62	6	79	39	0.08	5.55	-5.35	51
Willcox	50	4	73	28	0.00	9.54	-2.06	82
Winslow	37	-3	63	11	0.01	2.59	-4.77	35
Yuma	64	4	80	47	0.00	2.42	-0.29	89
1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.								

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